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MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS

2002 cash receipts for Maryland farms totaled \$1.43 billion dollars, the lowest level since 1994. This level is a 10 percent drop in farmer receipts from 2001 (\$1.59 billion), but only 2 percent below the receipts in 2000 (\$1.46 billion).

These highlights can be found in *Agriculture in Maryland, 2002*, along with information about all major commodities produced in Maryland. The data in this issue are a sampling from that upcoming publication. On pages 2 and 3 are the alfalfa and hay county estimates. This is the first year these county data have been published for Maryland. To obtain your copy of *Agriculture in Maryland, 2002*, available in September, call or write Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service.

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2002 MARYLAND HIGHLIGHTS		POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS			
Item		Commodity	Marketing Production	Unit	Cash Receipts
Numbers of Farms	12,200	Broilers	1,376,600,000	lbs.	\$440,512,000
Average Size Farm - Acres	172	Milk	1,327,000,000	lbs.	173,844,000
Land in Farms - Acres	2,100,000	Cattle & Calves	93,950,000	lbs.	67,523,000
Gross Farm Income	\$1,675,202,000	Hogs	18,093,000	lbs.	5,941,000
Farm Production Expenses	\$1,048,370,000	Eggs	894,000,000	eggs	42,092,000
Total Net Farm Income	\$ 222,899,000	Turkeys ²	14,181,000	lbs.	5,247,000
Gross Farm Income Per Farm	\$137,312	Honey	138,000	lbs.	242,000
Net Farm Income Per Farm	\$18,270	Total Poultry, Livestock & Products			\$801,343,000

CROPS AND PRODUCTS				
Commodity	Acres Harvested	Production	Unit	Cash Receipts
Corn for Grain	425,000	32,300,000	bu.	\$73,941,000
Soybeans	470,000	10,810,000	bu.	62,013,000
Corn for Silage	80,000	960,000	tons	---
Tobacco	1,700	2,380,000	lbs.	5,938,000
Wheat	180,000	11,880,000	bu.	37,542,000
Hay, All	220,000	508,000	tons	20,849,000
Barley	41,000	3,362,000	bu.	3,033,000
Sorghum for Grain	4,000	188,000	bu.	905,000
Sorghum for Silage	1,000	11,000	tons	---
Potatoes	4,700	1,175,000	cwt.	10,425,000
Vegetables	44,500	---		85,172,000
Greenhouse/Nursery	---	---		303,869,000
Apples	---	31,900,000	lbs.	5,134,000
Peaches	---	7,000,000	lbs.	2,741,000
Total All Crops ³				\$621,424,000
Total All Commodities ³				\$1,431,767,000

¹ Preliminary estimates by the Economic Research Service, USDA.

² Includes Maryland and Delaware.

³ Other Forest Products are added to Total All Crops and Total All Commodities.

All Hay: Acreage and Production

State and County	2001			2002		
	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production
<u>MARYLAND</u>	Acres		Tons	Acres		Tons
Allegany	9,500	2.0	19,000	9,200	1.2	11,300
Garrett	26,000	2.0	52,000	26,000	2.5	64,800
Western	35,500	2.0	71,000	35,200	2.2	76,100
Baltimore	9,000	2.7	24,000	8,500	2.2	18,300
Carroll	30,000	2.3	70,000	28,000	2.3	65,500
Frederick	44,000	2.3	100,000	46,400	2.3	106,400
Harford	14,000	2.7	38,000	14,000	2.9	40,000
Howard	6,000	2.2	13,000	5,800	1.9	10,800
Montgomery	11,500	2.6	30,000	10,000	2.0	20,300
Washington	22,500	2.4	55,000	25,100	2.7	69,100
North Central	137,000	2.4	330,000	137,800	2.4	330,400
Anne Arundel	3,300	2.4	8,000	3,800	1.5	5,500
Calvert	2,400	2.5	6,000	3,000	2.6	7,700
Charles	3,800	2.0	7,500	4,000	2.5	10,100
Prince George's	8,000	2.0	16,000	4,800	1.6	7,500
St. Mary's	9,000	2.1	18,500	5,500	1.7	9,100
Southern	26,500	2.1	56,000	21,100	1.9	39,900
<i>West of Bay</i>	199,000	2.3	457,000	194,100	2.3	446,400
Caroline	3,000	3.0	9,000	4,000	2.3	9,100
Cecil	9,000	2.5	22,500	9,400	2.4	22,100
Kent	4,300	2.3	10,000	3,700	2.8	10,300
Queen Anne's	2,000	2.8	5,500	3,200	2.5	8,100
Talbot	700	2.9	2,000	800	1.6	1,300
Northern Eastern Shore	19,000	2.6	49,000	21,100	2.4	50,900
Dorchester	1,000	2.0	2,000	700	2.0	1,400
Somerset	1,600	2.3	3,700	1,100	2.4	2,600
Wicomico	3,100	2.4	7,500	1,800	2.5	4,500
Worcester	1,300	2.2	2,800	1,200	1.8	2,200
Southern Eastern Shore	7,000	2.3	16,000	4,800	2.2	10,700
<i>East of Bay</i>	26,000	2.5	65,000	25,900	2.4	61,600
<i>Maryland Total</i>	225,000	2.3	522,000	220,000	2.3	508,000

Alfalfa & Other Hay: Acreage and Production

State and County	Other Hay 2002			Alfalfa Hay 2002		
	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production
<u>MARYLAND</u>	Acres		Tons	Acres		Tons
Allegany	8,200	1.1	8,800	1,000	2.5	2,500
Garrett	15,900	2.6	40,700	10,100	2.4	24,100
Western	24,100	2.1	49,500	11,100	2.4	26,600
Baltimore	5,400	2.0	10,700	3,100	2.5	7,600
Carroll	21,100	2.1	44,900	6,900	3.0	20,600
Frederick	35,100	2.2	78,000	11,300	2.5	28,400
Harford	8,600	3.0	25,500	5,400	2.7	14,500
Howard	4,900	1.7	8,200	900	2.9	2,600
Montgomery	8,600	1.9	16,200	1,400	2.9	4,100
Washington	17,700	2.8	49,200	7,400	2.7	19,900
North Central	101,400	2.3	232,700	36,400	2.7	97,700
Anne Arundel	2,900	1.2	3,600	900	2.1	1,900
Calvert	2,600	2.7	7,000	400	1.8	700
Charles	3,400	2.6	9,000	600	1.8	1,100
Prince George's	4,300	1.5	6,600	500	1.8	900
St. Mary's	4,500	1.6	7,100	1,000	2.0	2,000
Southern	17,700	1.9	33,300	3,400	1.9	6,600
<i>West of Bay</i>	143,200	2.2	315,500	50,900	2.6	130,900
Caroline	2,500	1.9	4,700	1,500	2.9	4,400
Cecil	6,100	2.0	12,300	3,300	3.0	9,800
Kent	1,800	2.6	4,600	1,900	3.0	5,700
Queen Anne's	2,300	2.5	5,700	900	2.7	2,400
Talbot	400	2.0	800	400	1.3	500
Northern Eastern Shore	13,100	2.1	28,100	8,000	2.9	22,800
Dorchester	600	2.0	1,200	100	2.0	200
Somerset	800	2.5	2,000	300	2.0	600
Wicomico	1,400	2.6	3,600	400	2.3	900
Worcester	900	1.8	1,600	300	2.0	600
Southern Eastern Shore	3,700	2.3	8,400	1,100	2.1	2,300
<i>East of Bay</i>	16,800	2.2	36,500	9,100	2.8	25,100
<i>Maryland Total</i>	160,000	2.2	352,000	60,000	2.6	156,000

2002 CROPS REVIEW AND COUNTY CROP RANKINGS

Extreme weather conditions throughout 2002 made for a difficult crop production year in Maryland. Adequate moisture in the spring benefitted small grain growth and supported corn and soybean plantings. Hot and dry conditions throughout June and July allowed for an early, record setting small grain harvest. Drought conditions throughout the summer damaged corn plants and suppressed soybean growth. Corn harvest began early as drought conditions stretched into the beginning of October. Much needed rain arrived in mid-October and made the small soybean harvest difficult as wet conditions lingered.

Corn acres harvested for grain were up one percent from 2001. The drought damaged crop yielded a mere 76 bushels per acre, down 44 percent from 2001 and the smallest yield since 1988. Production totaled 32.3 million bushels, 42 percent less than 2001. The season average price for corn was \$2.85, up 31 percent from the previous year. Increased price received at the farm level was not sufficient enough to offset decreased yields. Cash receipts totaled \$74 million, down 21 percent from 2001.

The soybean crop suffered from the same unfavorable conditions as the corn crop in Maryland in 2002. Dry weather throughout June and July kept total soybean plantings to 490,000 acres, 30,000 acres less than 2001. Drought conditions held yields to 23 bushels per acre, down 41 percent from the previous year. Between summer drought, fall rains and heavy snowfall at the beginning of December, only 470,000 acres were harvested. Total production was 10.8 million bushels, a reduction of 46 percent from 2001 and the smallest crop since 1987.

Commodity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Corn, Grain	Queen Anne's	Worcester/Kent ¹	Carroll	Talbot	Frederick	Harford/Caroline ³	Wicomico
Soybeans	Queen Anne's	Worcester	Kent	Caroline	Dorchester	Frederick	Talbot
Barley	Caroline	Frederick	Carroll/Wash ²	Dorchester	Queen Anne's	Kent	Talbot
Wheat	Queen Anne's	Caroline	Talbot	Kent	Dorchester	Frederick	Worcester
Tobacco	St. Mary's	Calvert	Charles	Prince George's	Anne Arundel	----	----
All Hay	Frederick	Washington	Carroll	Garrett	Harford	Cecil	Montgomery
Vegetables	Caroline	Dorchester	Carroll	Baltimore	Prince George's	Queen Anne's	Wicomico
Milk	Frederick	Washington	Carroll	Harford	Garrett	Baltimore/Kent ³	Cecil

¹ Tied for second place

² Tied for third place

³ Tied for sixth place

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